

# Alabama Department of Youth Services



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## **October PbS Data Collection Comes to a Close**

Congratulations to the Vacca and Mt. Meigs PbS teams for doing an outstanding job collecting and inputting the data needed for the October round of data collection. Both the Vacca and Mt. Meigs campuses ended data collection on Oct. 31st. The results are listed below.

### **Mt. Meigs**

**Youth Records - 34**

**Youth Climate Surveys - 85**

**Family Climate Surveys - 22**

**Youth Exit Interviews - 82**

**Staff Climate Surveys - 72**

### **Vacca**

**Youth Records - 49**

**Youth Climate Surveys - 44**

**Family Climate Surveys - 1**

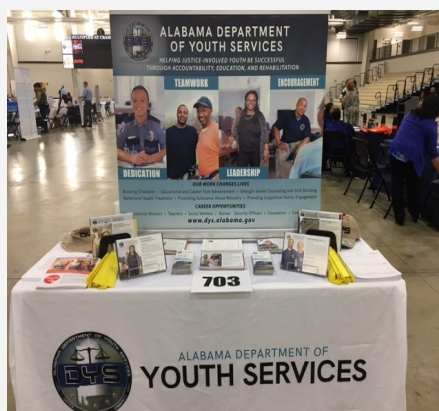
**Youth Exit Interviews - 50**

**Staff Climate Surveys - 31**

Both campuses will receive draft reports of the PbS performance outcomes on Monday, Nov. 12th, and final reports will be available on the PbS website on Tuesday, Nov. 27th. The Mt. Meigs and Vacca PbS teams will need to review the data, share with staff members, and determine a time to discuss the results as a team. The Campus Facility Improvement Plans (FIPs) will be updated in December and January.

## ***DYS Participates in the Montgomery Area Regional Job Fair***

On Wednesday, October 3rd, DYS staff participated in the annual Montgomery Area Regional Job Fair held at the Multiplex at Crampton Bowl. Staff spent time talking with potential applicants about careers at DYS, answered questions, and gave out information on the application process. Over 1,400 people attended the job fair and about 100 employers attended the job fair looking to fill around 4,100 positions. The fair put an emphasis on hiring for public safety positions. Special thanks to Ms. Felecia Thomas, Ms. Tonya Milam, Ms. Bridget McDonald, and Ms. Melody Nelson for assisting at the job fair!



## Putting Research into Practice



### DYS Campuses Host Annual Fall Festivals



#### Vacca Campus

On October 12, 2018 the Vacca Campus held their annual Fall Festival. The students and staff were able to play games such as ring toss, pie eating contest, football toss, and three point shoot-out. Each booth provided the students with prizes such as candies and chips. The students and staff were also able to participate in bike riding. All students and staff were served loaded hot dogs, loaded fries, and funnel cakes.



#### Mt. Meigs Campus

On October 24th and October 30th, the Mt. Meigs Campus held their annual Fall Festivals for the GAP and ABSOP student population. The students participated in a variety of games including spin the wheel, football toss, putt putt, giant jenga, face painting, cupcake walk, basketball, an obstacle course, and scavenger hunt. The students also received a variety of festival foods including hot dogs, popcorn, popsicles, pizza, and funnel cakes.



#### Autauga Campus

On October 26th, the Autauga Campus held its annual fall festival for its students. This was also the culmination of their celebration of Breast Cancer Awareness week. Due to the inclement weather all of the activities were held indoors but the youth were able to participate in games, activities and movie night. The activity room was opened up to allow the youth to play games like foosball and board games. On the menu for lunch were grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, french fries, tossed salad, and cake and ice cream. During movie night, the youth got to enjoy homemade popcorn provided by the staff.

